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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 7, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is included herewith, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120 fee therefor set by 37 C.F.R §1.17(a)(1) to PTO Deposit Account 07-0868. The period for response with a one-month extension of time expires on 7 October 2006; the response is, therefore, timely filed.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.